

Minutes of the General Members Meeting
Beverly-Marblehead Power & Sail Squadron

May 3, 2017

Meeting called to order at 8:15 PM by Commander Alex Pszenny

Moment of Silence for U.S troops

Pledge of Allegiance of the flag

Quorum was declared

Minutes of March general members meeting approved – Lt/C Tilton

Thank you to Raymond Bates, Jr for his presentation of Shipwrecks on the North Shore and Cathy Graves for preparing the supper

Commander's Report – Cdr Pszenny

Bill Ghen recognized for receiving Lifetime Membership Award

2016 Distinctive Performance Awards to Lt/C Dale Smith - squadron website and

Lt/C Ray Tilton – squadron newsletter Hannah's Banner

Introduction of new members – Michael Phelan, Don Richard, Dan Altieri, Cathy Graves,

And David Patch

Recruiting/Retention Update

Volunteer opportunity on Baker's Island – help maintain landing site

Announce job openings – Hannah's Banner editor, Ray Tilton retiring from position,

Dale Smith looking for someone to take over either treasurer or webmaster position,

Cooperative charting and next year's bridge positions

SXO Report – Lt/C Nigro

Announced wealthy waterfront homeowners in Florida trying to get bill passed to prevent anchoring near their property

VSC – Walter Riley said they are getting underway with VS's

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A/O Report – Ray Tilton – Announced meeting dates for rest of year, E-board – 9/6, 11/1, and general meetings 10/4, 12/6 and 1/3 or 10. Annual picnic date at Danversport Yacht Club – August 7th

SEO Report – Walter Riley – ABC courses this spring: Gloucester graduated 14; Hamilton cancelled as only 3 registered (transferred to Beverly); Beverly has 10 registered; Marblehead starting May 10th – 50 + registered

Some lack of students could be due to competition such as USCGA, Environmental Police, Harbormaster courses. New members are coming from advanced courses

Jack Reed and Bill Bonner currently teaching a Piloting course

Need instructors – some current ones are retiring – Cdr Alex will be an Instructor development officer

Robere Sant Fournier volunteered to run a fall ABC course; Alex would like to see Advanced Piloting offered

Treasurer's Report – Lt/C Dale Smith - \$1900 in black in checking account – see attached sheet

Auditing Committee Report – Charlie Souza – 4/10/2016-3/31/2017 – Checking - \$5548.74, Fidelity – 4/27/17 --- \$48942.39. “all in proper order – to the penny” Theo praises Dale Smith for a great job.

Dale proposed a 2017 operating budget with a plan to invest in meetings and events. See attachment Motion made to accept proposed budget as presented was passed.

Meeting adjourned by Cdr Pszenny at 8:50 PM.